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FIVE DISTINGUISHED WOMEN TO BE INDUCTED INTO MARYLAND WOMEN'S HALL OF FAME ON THURSDAY

BALTIMORE – The Maryland Commission for Women will induct five accomplished women into the Maryland Women's Hall of Fame on Thursday, March 12 from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. in the Miller Senate Office Building in Annapolis. In addition, Department of Human Resources Secretary will be present a Governor's proclamation for women's history month.

The Women's Hall of Fame honors Maryland women who have made unique and lasting contributions to the economic, political, cultural and social life of the state, and who provide visible models of achievement for tomorrow's female leaders. The 2009 inductees are:

1. **Anne St. Clair Wright** -- a founder of Historic Annapolis, Inc.
2. **Ilia Fehrer** -- a wildlife and land conservationist.
3. **Diane E. Griffin** -- the Director of the Johns Hopkins Malaria Research Institute at Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health.
4. **Harriet Legum** -- a breast cancer survivor, advocate and fundraiser for breast cancer research and education.
5. **Brigadier Allyson Solomon** -- the first woman and first African-American to be appointed as a senior commander in the Maryland Air National Guard.

WHO:

Maryland Commission for Women

Maryland Department of Human Resources

Women Legislators of Maryland

Friends of the Maryland Commission for Women

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WHAT:

24th Annual Women's Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony

WHEN:

Thursday, March 12, 2009 from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.

WHERE:

Miller Senate Office Building
President's Conference Room – West
11 Bladen Street
Annapolis, Maryland

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The Maryland Department of Human Resources is the state's social service provider. The agency collaborates with 24 local jurisdictions to: provide foster care, adoption and protective services to children; collect and distribute child support payments; and provide temporary cash, food stamps and medical assistance to families. It also funds programs for homeless persons, refugees, migrant workers, victims of crime and women who are displaced, battered or assaulted. Last year, DHR served 638,000 people in need. In terms of its annual budget, DHR is Maryland's fourth largest state agency.